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LIFE'S NOTES ON SOME REMARKABLE AMERICAN WOMEN
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ANNCR: DATELINE, NEW YORK, PICTURES IN SOUND, WORDS AND MUSIC OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS IN AMERICA'S METROPOLIS. TODAY, SHIRLEY SEALY'S REPORT FROM NEW YORK ON A SALUTE TO SOME REMARKABLE AMERICAN WOMEN.

VOICE: THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT HAS SHAKEN A NUMBER OF TRADITIONAL BELIEFS -- ESPECIALLY THE IDEA THAT A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME. WHILE MANY WOMEN STILL FIND THEIR GREATEST FULFILLMENT IN BEING WIVES AND MOTHERS, MORE AND MORE WOMEN ARE BROADENING THEIR AMIBITIONS AND SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO ENRICH THEIR OWN LIVES, AND THE SOCIETIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE.

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FOR MANY, THE SEARCH HAS BEEN CONFUSING. MANY WOMEN ARE UNSURE OF THE DIRECTION THEY WANT TO TAKE, AND HOW FAR THEY SHOULD GO. OR, RATHER, HOW FAR THEY CAN GO. HISTORY PROVIDES FEW GUIDELINES, FOR THE MYTH OF HISTORY IS THAT WOMEN HAVE NOT ACHIEVED MUCH THAT MATTERS. BUT, OF COURSE, MOST HISTORY BOOKS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY MEN. THE TRUTH IS THAT THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WOMEN WHO HAVE SHAPED HISTORY. AND IT IS ONLY NOW THAT WE ARE BEGINNING TO LEARN ABOUT THEM.

TO UNDERSCORE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN, LIFE MAGAZINE HAS PUBLISHED A SPECIAL REPORT CALLED "REMARKABLE AMERICAN WOMEN" THAT'S DESIGNED TO BE A KIND OF AMERICAN FAMILY ALBUM ABOUT THE FEMALE SIDE OF THE FAMILY. LIFE ASSEMBLED

VOICE: PICTURES AND BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF ONE-HUNDRED-AND-SIXTY-
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SIX TRULY REMARKABLE WOMEN. THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS COVER ALL FIELDS -- THE ARTS, SCIENCE, POLITICS, SPORTS, SOCIAL CAUSES -- EVEN THE MILITARY. IT WAS DURING HER LONG CAREER IN THE NAVY, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT MATHEMETICIAN GRACE HOPPER BEGAN WORKING WITH COMPUTERS -- AND DEVELOPED CURRENT METHODS OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMING. SHE HELPED STEER THE U.S. MILITARY -- AND THE REST OF US -- INTO THE COMPUTER AGE.

JAN MASON IS ONE OF THE EDITORS WHO SELECTED LIFE'S GALLERY OF REMARKABLE WOMEN, AND SHE ADMITS SHE DISCOVERED SOME PERSONAL FAVORITES:

TAPE: CUT ONE -- MASON

"I LOVE ANNIE SMITH PECK, WHO TAUGHT CLASSICS AND WHO LOVED TO CLIMB MOUNTAINS. AND SHE WANTED TO CLIMB MOUNTAINS WHERE NO MAN HAD STOOD. SHE CONCENTRATED ON THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND WENT TO PERU, CLIMBED TWO OF THE HIGHEST PEAKS THERE. ON ONE SHE PLANTED A BANNER THAT SAID 'VOTES FOR WOMEN' -- BECAUSE IT WAS BEFORE 1920. SHE KEPT ON CLIMBING, CLIMBING MOUNT MADISON IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RANGE UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE WHEN SHE WAS EIGHTY-TWO. HER LAST ASCENT WAS UP THE ACROPOLIS AT EIGHTY-FIVE."

VOICE: AS MISS MASON NOTES, IT WAS IN THE 1920'S THAT AMERICAN WOMEN WON THE RIGHT TO VOTE. ONE WOMAN WHO DEVOTED HER LIFE TO THAT CAUSE IS STILL ALIVE. AND, AT NINETY-ONE, ALICE PAUL IS STILL WORKING TO ENSURE THAT WOMEN GAIN COMPLETELY EQUAL STATUS WITH MEN UNDER THE LAW. SHE HELPED WRITE THE PROPOSED EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. A SPECIAL SECTION OF "REMARKABLE AMERICAN WOMEN" IS DEVOTED TO ALICE PAUL.

VOICE: TO SHOW HOW VARIED THE FEMALE CHARACTER CAN BE, LIFE ALSO
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PRESENTS A SELECTION OF "WILD, WILD WOMEN." THERE'S
A PORTRAIT OF CALAMITY JANE -- WHO COULD SHOOT A GUN, DRINK
AND SWEAR AS WELL AS ANY MAN IN THE OLD WEST. AMONG THE
GALLERY OF "LEGENDARY LIVES" ONE ALSO FINDS JENNIE JEROME
CHURCHILL -- THE AMERICAN-BORN MOTHER OF ENGLAND'S WINSTON
CHURCHILL. THERE IS ALSO AMELIA EARHART, WHO PILOTED HER
FIRST PLANE IN 1920, AND WHOSE ATTEMPT TO FLY SOLO AROUND
THE WORLD ENDED IN HER MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OVER THE
PACIFIC OCEAN IN 1939.

EVEN TODAY, SUCH WOMEN WOULD BE CONSIDERED EXTRAORDINARY.
BUT, JAN MASON REMINDS US:

TAPE: CUT TWO -- MASON

"THEY WERE MORE EXTRAORDINARY IN THEIR TIME -- BECAUSE OF
THE STRICTURES, BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ENCOURAGEMENT, AND
INDEED BECAUSE OF THE ROADBLOCKS THAT WERE PUT IN FRONT OF
THEM. BELVA LOCKWOOD, FOR INSTANCE, WHO WAS A LAWYER, HAD
TO FIGHT FOR HER DIPLOMA. SHE ASKED TO BE ADMITTED TO
DOZENS OF LAW SCHOOLS. FINALLY, ONE OF THEM THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE A GOOD JOKE...SHE WON HER DEGREE (BUT) THEY
WOULDN'T GIVE HER HER DIPLOMA. SO SHE HAD TO PETITION THE
HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THAT UNIVERSITY -- WHO HAPPENED TO BE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE TIME, ULYSSES S.
GRANT."

VOICE: BELVA LOCKWOOD WENT ON TO BECOME THE FIRST WOMAN TO PLEAD
A CASE BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. SHE WAS ALSO THE
SECOND WOMAN TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. SHE
WON VERY FEW VOTES -- BUT THAT IS NOT THE POINT. THE POINT
IS THAT SHE WAS A REMARKABLE WOMAN, AND VERY MUCH A PART OF
AMERICAN HISTORY.

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